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POLITICS

Mayor, two councillors resign

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
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A significant shakeup in southeast Manitoba has left a rural municipality without the majority of its government.

Mayor Jackie Hunt, Coun. Jeannot Robert and Coun. Ron Mamchuk have resigned from their posts in the rural municipality of Ritchot, according to the Dawson Trail Dispatch.

On the RM of Ritchot's website, contact information for only two of the councillors remains: Ward 1's Ernie Dumaine and Ward 4's Corinne Webb.

The Dispatch newspaper printed a lengthy public statement from the former mayor on its Facebook page Tuesday, wherein Hunt called the decision to leave her post "heartbreaking."

"When a Council cannot function as a group, and when mediation does not work, and when name calling and belligerent behaviour become the norm, it is time to re-evaluate your spot at the table," Hunt said.

"There is currently no mechanism in The Municipal Act that allows for elected officials to be disciplined for behaviour that would not be tolerated in any other work environment. There is a Council Code of Conduct, but it allows only for censuring, which is ultimately a public slap on the wrist.

"I gave up my seat so that it might start a conversation at the Municipal and Provincial levels of government about how to better protect the residents that want to serve our communities."

The Ritchot council meeting scheduled for Tuesday has been cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for May 17, according to the RM's website.

The dispute's origins are unclear. Metro is awaiting comment from Ritchot's chief administrative officer Mitch Duval about the resignations.

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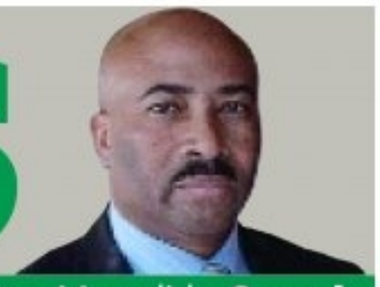

Ethics committee recommends expulsion for Sen. Don Meredith. **Canada**

Electric cars sparking city interest in quick chargers

TRANSPORTATION

Councillor says charging stations need to be explored

Braeden Jones
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100
Electric chargers in Winnipeg.

5,000
Vehicles with electric motors or hybrid engines registered in Manitoba.

Estimated cost of one electric charging station. **$40K**

Like an electric car charging station, Winnipeg's response to increased demand for green vehicles is slow — but that could soon change.

A couple of industry stakeholders backed up Coun. Russ Wyatt at the infrastructure and public works committee Tuesday while he tried to get the city to hurry up and start building electric vehicle (EV) charging stations.

Wyatt said it would be in the city's best interest to do so "immediately," because the federal government has earmarked $7 million in funding for that purpose.

Local auto-dealer Larry Vickar, who is, by his own admission, a "purveyor of the internal combustion engine," said EVs are the future, but not a distant one.

"In fact the future is here today," he said.

Robert Elms, the president of the Manitoba Electric Vehicle Association, told the committee there are at least 100 pure EVs in the city limits alone, and more than 5,000 vehicles with electric motors or hybrid engines registered with the association province-wide.

The issue current and prospective owners face, Elms said, is Winnipeg's "lack of charging stations."

With the exception of Winnipeg's single quick charge station at Red River College's Notre Dame Avenue campus, EV owners are charging their vehicles at home. That limit's the car's practicality to its range — not including a return trip.

"Being able to get from point A to point B with the confidence — if you have an EV — that you're not going to run out of fuel somewhere in-between… that's a major stumbling block," Wyatt said.

Elms said "level three quick-charging stations" can take an EV drained down to 20 per cent up to levels sufficient for 300-400 kilometres of travel, "in the length of time it takes you to go use the washroom, grab yourself a coffee and a doughnut."

He figures five level-three quick charging stations positioned carefully around the city would "be just perfect for those folks who live out of town who want to be able to come to (Winnipeg), and then get back home again," or vice-versa.

Elms estimated each station would cost around $40,000, depending on the location.

Coun. Marty Morantz, the committee chair, said he agrees "with the intent" of Wyatt's motion, and he thinks "electric charging stations are something that the city does need to address."

But he also thinks the innovation committee is the right body to do so, particularly because it has "funds set aside for these types of initiatives."

The committee sent Wyatt's motion to council so that it can be referred to the innovation committee for further consideration, and asked city staff to find out what external funding could be accessed to help build EV charging stations.

Elms said it was a "positive step."

ENFORCEMENT

City pilot curbing dumping

Illegal dumping doesn't pay, but so far it seems the city's pilot program to discourage the activity does.

Now one year into the two-year program, which installed six hidden cameras in problem areas to catch dumpers red-handed, a city spokesperson was able to divulge it has resulted in four individuals being charged.

Three were convicted, one matter remains before the courts, and a fifth is under investigation.

But for comparison, "there were zero common offence notices issued in 2015 for illegal dumping," said corporate communications officer Kailey Barron in a statement.

She explained "successful enforcement" would be based on two criteria: Actual enforcement statics, and improved public awareness.

"The pilot project has led to increased education and awareness and more successful prosecutions," Barron said.

In 2014, the city conducted more than 800 investigations into illegal dumping, but produced sufficient evidence in only seven.

On Thursday, council's finance committee will receive a brief update on the program, which cost $54,000 up front and has since required "no incremental increase in resources."

The community services department will report back to the standing policy committee on innovation once the project is completed in April 2018, and provide more details on its efficacy at that time.

BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

INVESTIGATION

Screaming man shot by police brandished a spear: Witness

Witnesses say a man shot by a Winnipeg police officer was agitated, screaming and carrying a spear.

Nicelyn Romero works in an optometrist's office in the skywalk on Graham Avenue, next to where the shooting occurred Monday over the noon hour.

Romero said she was sitting at her desk when she noticed a man with a "long knife."

He appeared to be agitated and arguing with three police officers outside the glass doors and windows of the optometrist's office.

Romero says police followed the man into the office after he kicked the door open and walked towards her desk as he carried a spear.

Optometrist Robert Lecker had two patients in the back room when he heard Romero call him for help, saw the man with the spear, returned to his office and then heard two shots.

The 25-year-old man was taken to hospital and police say his condition has been upgraded to stable.

"There was just a lot of screaming and yelling and commotion going on," said Lecker. "A lot of swearing.

> **Two shots. Boom, boom. One hit him; one missed him.**
> Robert Lecker

"I heard, `Drop your knife. Drop your knife. Drop your knife.' I figured I'm not coming any closer to this."

Lecker said he was trying to close the door to his office when he heard shots.

"Two shots. Boom, boom. One hit him; one missed him."

Lecker said the man was still agitated after being shot. He doesn't know who the man was or what led to the confrontation between the man and police, he added.

"(Police) were giving him every opportunity to drop his weapon and he was basically undone."

The Independent Investigation Unit of Manitoba is looking for any other witnesses or for those with video footage to come forward. The IIU can be reached toll-free at 1-844-667-6060.

Police closed a section of the skywalk for investigation Monday, but businesses in the area were open as usual Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS, WITH FILES FROM METRO WINNIPEG

IN BRIEF

Province to use P3s to build new schools

The Manitoba government is asking for companies to develop a business case for building four new schools using public-private partnerships. The province issued a request for proposals for three new schools in Winnipeg and one in Brandon. The P3 model would see private companies design, build, finance and maintain the schools. The deadline for submissions is June 15.

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Pride 30 FOR 30

Activist is proud to have found her 'authentic self'

HUMAN RIGHTS

Organizer hopes message resonates with young people

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Michelle McHale has made national headlines in the last year fighting for the LGBTQ community, though it took about three decades and years of therapy for her to feel comfortable in her own skin.

"I experienced sexual abuse by a number of different people when I was a child, both male and female," she said in an interview Tuesday.

"My understanding of sexuality was not that it was about what my needs were… When I got to a place of healing and understanding, it was OK to take a look at who I was and what I wanted. That's when some of those pieces came together."

The Niverville native came out as a lesbian in her early 30s and met her partner, Karen, through online dating. They now live in Winnipeg together with their four kids.

McHale is well known from her activism in Steinbach where she helped organize the first-ever Pride parade. She also filed a human rights complaint against the Hanover School Division for not allowing LGBTQ discussions in classrooms before high school. The complaint is still being reviewed.

Michelle McHale was an organizer of the first Pride march in Steinbach. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Though one of her kids still attends school in Steinbach, McHale moved with her family to Winnipeg after they began feeling unsafe in their old home.

"There was a lot of anger. People were leaving things on our doorstep. We didn't feel safe to leave the kids, who could be old enough, to stay home alone," McHale said.

The items left on their doorstep included strange notes with religious connotations and flowers with a disturbing card attached, she said.

"Although we had definitely had conversations about moving before that happened, we moved quickly because of those things."

Now a union representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers, McHale recently ran for the Manitoba NDP leadership. She stepped down last month due to health concerns and hasn't endorsed the lone NDP candidate left in the race, Wab Kinew.

"I respect him greatly. I think I, like many people, are looking to see who's going to enter the race," she said.

McHale was nominated for Metro's Pride 30 series by transgender activist Shandi Strong, who worked with her at Pride.

"She is an incredibly intelligent, well-spoken, driven individual," Strong said. "She gets stuff done and I've always liked that about her."

Though she was unsure at first how much of her past she wanted to divulge, McHale said she hoped her story would resonate with younger readers.

"My hope is that the overall message that comes through is regardless of where you come from, it's possible to find a way to be your authentic self. You might have to work a little harder or search deeper for people that will support you through figuring out who you are," she said.

"I would say keep looking and you're OK just the way you are."

NOMINATION

- Nominate yourself or someone who's making an impact on the Pride community to appear in Metro's anniversary feature leading up to the festival May 26 to June 4.
- Email Jessica Botelho-Urbanski with the subject line "Pride 30 for 30" at jurbanski@metronews.ca or tweet at us at @MetroWinnipeg with the hashtag #Pride30.

METRO ASKS: MICHELLE McHALE

Favourite Pride moment

"(Last year's) Steinbach Pride I have to say takes the cake. That just exceeded all of my hopes… It was just a really emotional experience for people where they felt very loved and accepted and they were moved by people's stories.

"So it wasn't just about a party. It was emotionally significant for lots of people."

Why was Pride important 30 years ago?

"I think 30 years ago, specifically in Winnipeg, my understanding is they weren't sure whether they were going to kind of protest or have a walk-in celebration, given what was happening (In 1987, the Manitoba legislature was discussing whether to include sexual orientation in the human rights code.) So I think it was important to celebrate the gains that were made."

Why is Pride important now?

"I think Pride is important now because we're not done. There's clearly pockets throughout the city, the country, the province, the world where being LGBTQ isn't understood and/or accepted or respected… Pride continues to be important so that we can be advocating for the rights and freedoms of people who don't yet have the rights and freedoms that they deserve and are entitled to."

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This wasn't leadership: Mackintosh

POLITICS

Ex-minister writes on how revolt almost ousted premier

The acrimony, distrust and eventual open warfare that crippled the Manitoba New Democrats and almost toppled former premier Greg Selinger is being laid out for the first time by an insider.

Gord Mackintosh, who was a cabinet minister the entire time the NDP was in power between 1999 and 2016, details the behind-the-scenes arguments that led to a revolt by other cabinet ministers in 2014 and to a convention at which Selinger hung on to his position as party leader by 33 votes.

Mackintosh's new book Stories Best Left Untold comes out May 11 and covers his youth in Fort Frances, Ont., his time as a lawyer advising Elijah Harper on opposing the Meech Lake accord and his service in a variety of cabinet portfolios such as justice, conservation and family services.

Former Manitoba justice minister Gord Mackintosh details, in his book Stories Best Left Untold, the behind-the-scenes arguments that led to a revolt by ministers in 2014. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The book reveals cabinet discussions about Selinger's controversial move to raise the provincial sales tax and the ensuing effort to dump him to revive the party's sagging poll numbers.

Selinger had promised in the 2011 election campaign not to raise the sales tax, but the government was in a cash crunch and needed money, Mackintosh writes. Weeks before the 2013 budget, cabinet ministers had options they thought would be more palatable to the public: income tax increases on high-earners or a series of smaller tax and levy increases that would, combined, raise as much money.

> **Greg was blind to what several of us learned in our first month in office.**
> Gord Mackintosh

Selinger didn't listen to warnings the public would be angry at the broken promise and a major public relations campaign would be needed to sell the increase, Mackintosh writes.

"Greg was blind to what several of us learned in our first month in office — communications planning and a fine-tuned press release and remarks are good ideas. This wasn't leadership as I'd come to know it."

The public anger was immediate and lasting. NDP poll numbers plummeted. By the summer of 2014, some in the NDP caucus were telling Selinger to resign so that a new leader would have a shot in the next election.

Mackintosh says Selinger should have resigned "for the good of the party," especially once the revolt broke out in the open toward the end of 2014. "'For the good of the party' is an age-old exit ramp."

But five rebel cabinet ministers who tried publicly to force Selinger out did not work to get enough support from fellow caucus members before making their move, Mackintosh writes. A news conference in which they criticized Selinger just gave the Opposition Progressive Conservatives fodder for campaign ads, he suggests.

The Tories would win the 2016 election with a modern-day record majority. The NDP were reduced to 14 seats as the official Opposition. Selinger announced on election night he would step down.

Selinger, who continues to sit in the legislature, declined an interview request Tuesday. Theresa Oswald, who challenged Selinger for the leadership but did not seek re-election last year, was not immediately available.

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CYCLING

'Tri-shaw' rolls out thrills

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

A new program rolling out in Winnipeg gives people who are unable to ride a bike a chance to feel the thrill.

Spearheaded by Michael Erlanger, the local chapter of Cycling Without Age (CWA) — a group founded in Copenhagen — offers seniors or others with mobility challenges bicycle-propelled rickshaw rides.

Up to two passengers can sit comfortably buckled-up in front of a volunteer pilot who peddles them around.

"Basically it gets them back out on a bike," Erlanger said.

But more than that, Erlanger said it gives them all of the freedom, joy and independence that goes along with the rush of wind past their (often smiling) faces.

In Winnipeg, Erlanger is helping administer CWA programs for two groups that have purchased special rickshaw-trike hybrids: the Riverview Health Centre Foundation, and the Canadian Institute for the Blind.

"Each one of those organizations provided the funding for a bike … so we have two bikes in our chapter, and the bikes are shared between the two organizations, and open to the community, too," he said, adding other groups are welcome to buy bikes and join. "We are now trying to set up a system for how to sign up, how to get volunteer (pilots) and it will be completely free."

The logo for Cycling Without Age, a group that offers "tri-shaw" bikes for seniors and people with mobility issues.
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Last year, he travelled to Denmark and met with the original CWA founder, Ole Kassow, who came up with the idea five years ago after offering a ride to an elderly man who found "outstanding joy" during their short trip.

"He went back to his senior living home, told other residents, then the next thing you know, everyone wanted a ride," Erlanger said.

Kassow bought five of the 'tri-shaws,' formalized the program, and CWA was born.

Now it has 225 chapters in 28 countries, the most recent of which Kassow helped launch in Winnipeg, Tuesday.

Sheldon Mindell, executive director of the Riverview Health Centre Foundation, said seniors have a tendency to be "mobile disadvantaged."

"This is a program that deals with that," he said.

Cleaning up the hate

Corey Fleischer, the owner of a Montreal power washing company, is hoping to expand what he calls his 'Erasing Hate' movement. ALLAN WOODS/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WAGE LOVE!

Montreal man makes his life's work to remove hate graffiti

Corey Fleischer was driving between jobs in a truck that holds his power-washing tools and various jugs of chemicals when he spotted two swastikas and the letters 'KKK' spray-painted along the side of a Montreal fruit company's delivery van.

Others in his situation might have driven on, if they had even noticed the graffiti at all. He had done just that for most of his life.

But on this day, more than two years ago, Fleischer pulled over and asked if he could remove the offensive symbols, which had appeared a few weeks earlier. The owner was reluctant and said he would do it himself — but later.

Fleischer wasn't happy.

"I took my truck and barricaded him in. I said 'Now you're going nowhere,'" he recounted.

Fleischer explained to the driver that what he was about to do was free-of-charge. Ten minutes later, the graffiti was gone.

On Dec. 5, 2014, he posted the before-and-after pictures of the van to his Instagram accounts. More significantly, it was one of the first times he had gone public with his growing obsession.

Since then, he estimates having erased many hundreds of markings. Now he says he is hoping to expand what he calls his "Erasing Hate" movement to Toronto by taking in reports of hateful graffiti in Canada's largest city and ensuring one way or another that it is removed promptly.

What drives Fleischer? He is Jewish, but not particularly religious. He pursued a Women's Studies degree at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont., but admits his real passion was playing varsity hockey.

But he does seem to have a singular sense of outrage when people are picked on or singled out for their faith, sexuality or skin colour.

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SENATE

Committee calls for Meredith's expulsion

Disgraced Sen. Don Meredith should be expelled from Canada's upper chamber for his sexual affair with a teenage girl, which constitutes "one of the most egregious breaches" of a senator's role and the public trust, according to a report tabled Tuesday.

The Senate's ethics committee made the possibly precedent-setting ruling after its sixth meeting on Meredith's affair earlier Tuesday.

"He has abused his privileged position of authority and trust by engaging in behaviour that is incompatible with his office," the report reads.

"He has brought disrepute to himself and the institution."

The report says that, in making its recommendation, it only ever considered suspending or expelling Meredith, a married Pentecostal pastor from Richmond Hill.

Don Meredith THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Sajjan pulls out of fundraiser for veterans

Defence Minister Harjit Sajjan on Tuesday bowed out of an annual fundraising event originally set up for veterans of the war in Afghanistan, an event whose main beneficiaries include military personnel returning from combat.

The embattled minister had been scheduled to speak at the "To the 'Stan and Back" event at Ottawa City Hall on Tuesday. But founder Cheri Elliott said she was told at the last minute that a scheduling conflict had arisen and he would not be able to attend. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton speaks at the Eighth Annual Women in the World Summit at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York City on April 6. GETTY IMAGES

Clinton says sexism played a role in loss

POLITICS

Nominee also blames Russia, FBI — and herself

Hillary Clinton said Tuesday that she's taking responsibility for her 2016 election loss but believes misogyny, Russian interference and questionable decisions by the FBI also influenced the outcome.

The former Democratic presidential nominee offered extensive comments about the election during the Women for Women International's annual luncheon in New York. Clinton said she's been going through the "painful" process of reliving the 2016 contest while writing a book.

"It wasn't a perfect campaign. There is no such thing," Clinton said in a question-and-answer-session with CNN's Christiane Amanpour. "But I was on the way to winning until a combination of (FBI Director) Jim Comey's letter on Oct. 28 and Russian WikiLeaks raised doubts in the minds of people who were inclined to vote for me but got scared off."

She reminded the enthusiastic audience packed with women that she ultimately earned 3 million more votes than President Donald Trump.

"If the election were on Oct. 27, I would be your president," Clinton said.

She also highlighted Russia's role in hacking into her campaign's internal emails and subsequently co-ordinating their release on WikiLeaks. U.S. intelligence agencies are investigating whether Russia co-ordinated with Trump associates to influence the election.

Amanpour also asked Clinton whether she was a victim of misogyny.

"Yes, I do think it played a role," she said, adding that misogyny is "very much a part of the landscape politically, socially and economically."

After two unsuccessful presidential campaigns, Clinton is not expected to run for public office again.

"I'm now back to being an active citizen," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Government 'needs a good shutdown,' Trump tweets

Donald Trump declared Tuesday the U.S. government "needs a good shutdown" to fix a "mess" in the Senate, signalling on Twitter his displeasure with a bill to keep operations running. But Republican leaders and Trump himself also praised the stopgap measure as a major accomplishment and a sign of his masterful negotiating with Democrats.

Trump and his allies issued a flurry of contradictory statements ahead of key votes in Congress on a $1.1 trillion spending bill to keep the government at full speed through September.

GLOBAL DIGEST

600-year-old tree to become furniture
Remnants of a 600-year-old white oak tree in New Jersey that was believed to be among the oldest in the nation will become furniture. News 12 New Jersey reports the tree will be turned into altar tables for the church and meeting tables for Bernards town hall. The tree weighed 116,000 pounds and took two days to take down after it began showing rot and weakness. AP

A large branch is removed from a 600-year-old oak tree. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Venezuelans block roads
People blocked streets in Caracas with broken concrete, twisted metal and flaming piles of trash Tuesday to protest the socialist president's bid to rewrite the constitution. President Nicolas Maduro signed a decree Monday to begin the process of rewriting the charter. Opposition leaders called it a ploy to put off regional elections scheduled for this year and a presidential election for 2018. AP

Number of Somalia's malnourished kids rising: UN
The United Nations children's agency says it has treated more than 56,000 severely malnourished children in Somalia so far this year, an increase of almost 90 per cent over last year. UNICEF pointed to the "triple threat of drought, disease and displacement" facing children in Somalia. Around 615,000 Somalis have been displaced by the drought since November. AP

TRUMP TRADE

Lumber set to get costlier

Tembec Inc. says it expects a portion of the duties being imposed by the Trump administration on imported Canadian softwood will be passed on to its customers.

The Montreal-based forestry company says it's in good financial position despite being hit by a preliminary 19.88 per cent duty on its softwood shipments to the United States that took effect on Monday.

Tembec says it intends to vigorously defend itself against the U.S. duties, but it anticipates the duties will mean higher lumber prices for customers.

The comments came as Tembec says it earned $24 million or 24 cents per share in the quarter ended March 25 compared with a profit of $27 million or 27 cents per share a year earlier.

Operating earnings before depreciation, amortization and other items totalled $54 million for quarter, up from $36 million a year ago.

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Europe trade deal to net 'modest' gains

EXPORTS

United States still the biggest market, budget watchdog says

Canada's free-trade pact with Europe is poised to produce "modest" economic gains that work out to an average annual income boost of $220 per Canadian, the federal budget watchdog says in a new report.

The parliamentary budget officer released a study Tuesday that estimates the trade deal would have lifted Canada's overall economic output in 2015 by 0.4 per cent or $7.9 billion, had it been implemented at the time.

Canadian exports of goods to the EU would have increased $4 billion, services would have been up $2.2 billion and investment would have grown by $3.1 billion, the analysis found.

But the report did put the overall projected improvement into perspective by noting that Canada boasts a $2-trillion economy. "CETA will lead to some gains for Canada, but they will be modest," the report said, referring to the deal's full name: the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement.

Budget watchdog Jean-Denis Frechette at a House of Commons Finance committee on April 19, 2016. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sectors including transport and motor vehicles, some metals and wheat will likely grow more quickly, the budget office predicted.

"With the signing of CETA, questions arise concerning the magnitude of the benefits and impacts, as well as how they will be distributed," said the report by Jean-Denis Frechette's office.

"Liberalizing trade is intended to bring benefits through greater specialization ... but the impact on sectors could be uneven."

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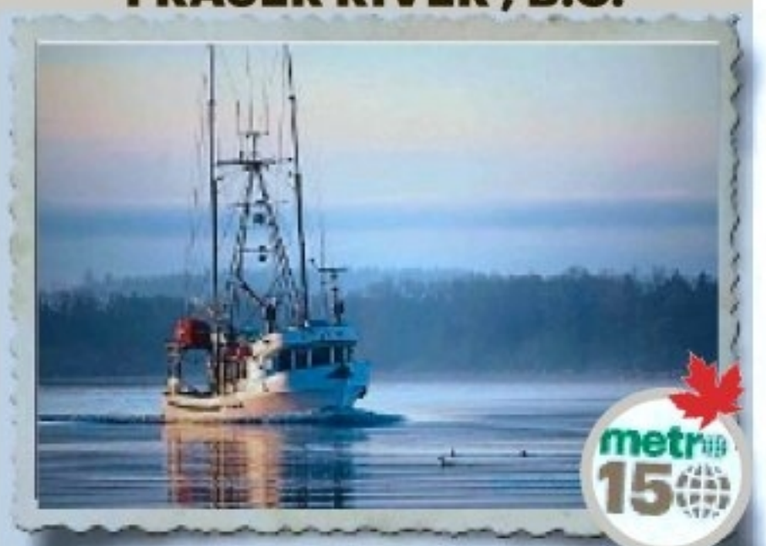

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JESSICA ALLEN ON FUNKY FASHIONS

Whether a wardrobe Warhol or sale-rack sartorialist, what one dons is always up for debate.

On Monday night I wore my new favourite grey jogging pants — men's polo, on sale at Bay Days — complete with a grease stain from Sunday night's Little Caesars pizza. I looked fabulous.

On Monday night Rihanna wore a series of floral discs formed into a Rihanna-shaped billow of an ensemble. She looked pretty good, too.

My inspiration was: just me, being on-brand. The inspiration for the pop star's outfit lives in the mind of Rei Kawakubo, the Japanese designer being feted Monday at the annual Met Gala.

Kawakubo, founder of the label Comme des Garçons, has said her early collections were "inspired by the loose and rustic garb of Japanese fishermen and peasants," in a 2005 New Yorker profile. She sometimes adds a third armhole, or eliminates them entirely because why not? It's fashion. And fashion is art.

And just like a $58.4-million sculpture of a balloon dog by Jeff Koons, clothing is easy to mock.

Like the luxury department store that is selling men's jeans for $425 that come caked with fake mud, for example.

What's even more mockable is the faux rugged trend is so last year: Golden Goose was selling a pair of $585 sneakers last summer that were made to look worn in and dirty. Some were even bound with duct tape. Social media compared the Italian company's shoes to the "Derelicte" line from Zoolander, which was inspired by homeless people.

Most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

Rihanna dons a "series of floral discs" at the Met Gala. GETTY IMAGES

This February "Derelicte" became reality at New York Fashion Week when the Japanese brand N. Hoolywood sent men down the runway in layered looks inspired by actual homeless people who, because they are homeless, wear all their clothes at once.

I have a laugh whenever I see people sporting $200 designer jeans shredded within an inch of their life, mostly over what I imagine the conversation sounded like in creating them. It takes place in a converted upper floor of a European palazzo and a designer — let's call him Dean Nichölass — is telling his colleague, Jacobim 2.0, that the idea is ludicrous because who will pay money for a defective product, Jacobin 2.0? But Jacobin 2.0 asks Dean Nichölass to trust him because these jeans are wild and cool and so primitive.

But millennials are fed up with old people like me making fun of their shredded pants. "If I had a nickel for every time a middle-aged man made a joke about my ripped jeans it wouldn't matter that baby boomers ruined the economy," author Katie Cotugno recently tweeted.

Come to think of it, finding a pair of sensible blue jeans without a hint of artificial patina isn't that easy. Same goes for men's dress shoes. The last time my partner Simon and I went shopping for his-and-hers double-strapped monk shoes, as couples are wont to do, most brands came prefaded.

I want my patina to come about naturally.

But while distressing may speak to our deep confusion about "authenticity," the reaction against it may tell us something more.

Most people regard trends in dressing as having some rational basis — as if a $240 Hermes tie makes sense because you have to distress it yourself.

The fact that a woman in ripped jeans and a pair of high heels is more likely to be chastised for the "impracticality" of her pants than her footwear should give us pause.

Be it pristine or pulped, most of what we wear doesn't make a lot of sense.

Like the pair of $2,000 culottes, marked down to just $600 that I recently passed over. They reminded me of a Renaissance tapestry. But I couldn't justify spending good money on a pair of pants that made me look like Spanky from Little Rascals.

I wish I had. They were super on-brand.

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VICKY MOCHAMA

The housing market is out to sea. So, how's the Wi-Fi on the water?

The federal government will be issuing its National Housing Strategy soon and I hope there are plans for the boat people.

You see, outrageous house prices may be forcing people off the land and onto the water.

At least, that's what a report to Vancouver city council states: "The affordable housing crisis in Vancouver appears to have resulted in more residents living on vessels, full-time."

You can't escape the signs of the housing crisis. I know more and more landlords and tenants are turning to Airbnb. I know that more of my friends are moving out to smaller, less expensive towns that require a commute to their city jobs. I know that my parents have steadily been increasing the volume on their multi-year sales pitch, "Why Rent Downtown When You Can Live With Us In The Suburbs?"

But I confess I hadn't thought of taking to the seas as an option.

It seems like an eccentric life choice that would not befit me, a person who will willingly go camping only if and when the zombies take over. However, with no relief in sight on rent and mortgages, it is worth considering now.

A major selling point: I could rightfully insist on being called Commodore.

And by all accounts, there's a thriving community on the water.

There are "grad students, tradespeople, office workers and at least one family raising young children," according to the National Post.

Vancouverites are not the first people to live on water. As a response to high-price housing, they're not even particularly innovative.

Many Londoners live in houseboats on the Thames. The Guardian reported in 2014 that there are officially 10,000 people living in residential boats. But the writer suggests there may be more, as most of the houseboats are ad-hoc and found by word of mouth.

For the joy of using a chemical toilet on the historic Thames, you can get a bunk for $640 Canadian.

You might inhale a bit of mould, but think of the savings. Increasingly, that's the risk of renting in major cities across Canada.

Before I found my current place that I can't really afford, I saw a lot of apartments. More than a few looked like the place where sadness goes to get sadder. One particularly egregious place looked ready-made for a kidnapper or a torturer. It cost half my salary.

I don't imagine our lakes and rivers will be full of economic migrants fleeing the land. Instead, as we're already seeing, more people will move further out of urban areas.

But for every couple of thousand people measuring their house in square metres, there will be a hardy few that measure theirs in nautical miles.

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Kylie Jenner broke the Met Gala's "no-selfie" rule Monday for a star-studded bathroom snap

Now we all scream for a little less ice cream

From top right: Instagram influencer and model Jennifer Broders posted that she waited an hour to try charcoal or "goth ice cream" at Little Damage in L.A.; rolled ice cream, a street-food speciality from Thailand; ube ice cream made from purple yams; ultra-trendy unicorn ice cream, complete with starry sprinkles; two-bite servings of Japanese mochi ice cream (centre).

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FOOD

Canada's love for treat cools but millennials may slow melt

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto

Judging by the lines around the block for the latest sweet treats and the number of preposterously decadent creations showing up under #icecreamporn on Instagram, you would never guess the ice cream business is really feeling a chill.

Canadians eat about half as much ice cream as we did 20 years ago.

In 1997, average consumption was 10.35 litres per person per year. In 2016, it was just 4.28 litres, according to StatsCan figures cited by the Canadian Dairy Information Centre.

"Everyone still loves ice cream, but we're eating it less often," said Kathy Perrotta, vice president of marketing at the polling firm Ipsos Canada. She tracks Canadians' eating habits in granular detail.

"What's driving the decline is ice cream from a box or a carton," but individual treats like juice bars are still selling well, she said.

Perrotta said ice cream is transitioning away from being primarily a family dessert that's bought in bulk and stored in the freezer in anticipation of a daily after-dinner treat.

Instead, it's a snack — which means it's in competition with everything from potato chips to yogurt, cookies and fruit. And it's losing out to all of them.

The notion of dessert in general is on the decline, Perrotta added.

Only 13 per cent of all dinners eaten in Canada, be they restaurant or home-cooked, include dessert. Ice cream sales have also taken a hit as concerns about children's sugar consumption have grown.

But that doesn't mean the ice cream business is heading into a deep freeze. Adults over 55 have continued the ice-cream-swilling habits of their youth. And 25 to 34-year-old urbanites are driving sales of single-serve cones and cups from ice cream parlours, Perrota said.

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> Kathy Perrotta, Ipsos Canada

Millennials' have a propensity to blow their growing wealth on whatever food is "the in thing" — and that could include the new, Instagram-worthy ice cream flavours Perrotta said have the potential to "reinvigorate" the category.

Sometimes, fads turn into long-term consumption habits, she added.

But for now, ice cream is being "pigeonholed" as a special occasion food.

Here are five extra-special ice cream trends you might want to seek out this summer:

Get the scoop on five hot new frozen trends

1 Mochi ice cream
Mochi ice cream resembles a snow-white or pastel-hued pizza pocket. Except instead of pizza filling, it contains ice cream, surrounded not by crust, but mochi, the sweet, chew Japanese candy made of pounded sticky rice.

2 Ube ice cream
The Filipino community deserves huge props for introducing the rest of the world to the creamy/earthy/nutty amazingness that is ice cream made with ube (purple yam). Bonus: Its delightful colour is all-natural.

3 Thai rolled ice cream
This melt-in-your mouth treat is formed into sheets, then rolled into spiral shapes like a crunchy-creamy frozen jelly roll. Flavours range from green tea to Oreo, and the toppings are limited only by your imagination.

4 Unicorn ice cream
Why would you want to eat something that's just one colour, when you can eat ice cream that is all the colours? Uber-trendy "unicorn" ice cream can be made with food colouring, or with pureed fruit for a more natural touch. It's typically topped with whipped cream, mini-marshmallows, "disco dust," (edible glitter), star-shaped sprinkles and a healthy helping of millennial nostalgia.

5 Charcoal ice cream
The charcoal trend is catching fire across the food industry; showing up in everything from beverages to pizza crust. Urbanites across North America are lining up for hours for the chance to try this matte black confection. You may think "goth" ice cream is pretty hard-core, but Finns got there first: They've been eating salty, jet-black salmiakki (liquorice) ice cream forever.

Brewing up a little bit of funk

Some funk can liven up your evening. No, we're not talking about Bruno Mars, but the artist known as Brettanomyces. Brett's original name is Latin for "British mushroom." Brewers know Brett as a yeast responsible for producing beers with an intriguing complexity often described as "barnyard," "horse blanket" or simply funk. But increasingly, craft breweries are using it to add a dose of complexity to their brews. Brett beers can be marvellous on their own as aperitifs. **JOSH RUBIN** TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Orval

This ale, brewed at a Trappist monastery in Belgium, is one of the most well-known Brett beers on the planet. It's a unique beer even among the full-of-character array of Trappist ales. Orval has a complex aroma and flavour, with hints of apricot, citrus peel and, yes, some barnyard funk. It's also got substantially more hop aroma than most Belgian beers, thanks to the use of an English technique called dry hopping, by which hops are added to the beer after brewing.

No less an authority than noted beer author Michael Jackson once came perilously close to calling it his favourite beer. Along with the funk — which increases with age — there's also more body to Orval than in most Brett beers. **(Approx. $3.45 per 330 mL bottle)**

Goose Island Sofie

Yes, yes. I know some craft beer folks have had a hate on for Goose Island ever since they were taken over by AB-InBev, which produces roughly one out of every three beers sold on the planet. But guess what? Goose Island still makes some good beer, including this one. Even though in some recent tastings it has seemed a touch less complex than it once was, it's still plenty respectable. If you are a hard-core funk lover already, you might want to consider offering this beer to someone who's experiencing the joys of Brett for the first time.

(Approx. $10.15 per 765 mL bottle)

Exchange Brewery Golden Ale

While this brewery in the heart of wine country (Niagara-on-the-Lake) makes decent examples of the usual suspects like IPAs, porters and wheat beers, it's this one which is the best of the range. One suspects that might be because Exchange's brewmaster Sam Maxbauer is a veteran of Michigan's Jolly Pumpkin brewery, which specializes in funky and sour brews. The pale, golden-coloured brew has a herbal aroma, with notes of mint and fresh-cut grass. Those notes also come through in the flavour, along with a bone-dry finish. This beer is the best pure expression of Brett character I've had in a long time.

(Approx. $13.50 per 750 mL bottle)

CATERING

Hitching up to the food truck trend eases wedding worries

Bobby Hughes' family was worried about the food truck. They were used to sit-down wedding dinners with towering cakes. But Hughes and his Colombian bride, Angelica, were opting for a more relaxed approach when they asked the owners of a local food truck to cook up a South American-inspired menu for their Houston wedding.

"My Texas relatives are meat-and-potatoes people," Hughes says. "So there was some concern about the food. I was asked if people should bring their own sandwiches."

No sandwiches required. Hughes says his family and other guests ended up being impressed with the custom menu created by Consumed — a self-billed Mobile Food Dispensary. Normally purveyors of upscale burgers and fries, the owners worked with the couple to offer Argentine empanadas, goat cheese and pesto-slathered sliders, veggie tacos and Arepa, a traditional Columbian flat cornbread topped with pulled chicken and jicama slaw.

Hughes' brother-in-law, Julian Alvarez, had suggested using the food truck after learning that the couple's wedding venue didn't have a kitchen. He offered to pay for the food as a wedding gift. The couple loved the idea, and appreciated not having to agonize over seating arrangements.

Hughes recommends a food truck to anyone who wants something relaxed and different, but he says couples should manage their expectations.

"It's a food truck," he says. "They're not going to serve everyone at the same time, but in the meantime your guests can have drinks and talk. It really takes the edge off."

Jay and Erin Gaskill, front of line, and their wedding guests order food from Boston-based food truck, Mei Mei. KATHERINE HARPER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mei Li, owner of a Boston truck called Mei Mei , agrees that trucks add to a casual, fun atmosphere.

"It's fun for guests to walk up and order," she says. "It's a new experience for a lot of people, and adds a level of excitement and options that a traditional caterer can't provide."

Mei Mei, run by three siblings offers a locally-sourced, Chinese-American menu.

Having done many weddings, Li suggests that couples consider the style of their wedding, the number of guests and the limitations of the venue when selecting a truck for their special day.

"Food trucks don't usually offer table linens, waitstaff or cleanup after the meal. You may need to negotiate that or hire an outside vendor for those services," Li says.

For those who prefer a traditional sit-down dinner but still want the fun of a truck, consider a dessert van.

"Everything is already made, so it's like a dessert buffet that I'm constantly refilling," says Lora Kleinwachter, owner of The Bumblebee truck in Denver.

While her menu options include full-scale cakes, she often suggests the most portable treats - like baked doughnut holes or chocolate trifle cups.

"By dessert time, people are often dancing and socializing," she says. "Guests, especially the children, love anything that's easy to eat and carry around."

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How to shake out of that shellfish slump

RECIPE

Get going with shrimp in sweet and spicy mix

Finding yourself in a shellfish slump? Problem solved.

The next time you find yourself at the fishmonger, pick up some plump, fresh shrimp and make this tasty recipe. It's just the ticket for a spontaneous supper — try only 17 minutes from skillet to plate.

A magical mix of garlic, honey, crushed red pepper flakes and sesame seeds gives the shrimp awesome texture and flavour, and a squeeze of lime juice livens up the party. (I prefer my shrimp tail-on, both for style points and to give everyone something to hold on to.) Finish with a sprinkle of fresh chives, serve over rice and a winning meal's on the table in a flash.

Sesame and Honey Shrimp
Makes 4 servings.

Ingredients:
- 1 red onion, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp (40 g) butter
- 1 garlic clove, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) honey
- 1 lime, the juice only
- Red pepper flakes, to taste
- 1-1/2 lb (675 g) peeled shrimp, with or without the tail
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds
- 1 tsp chopped fresh chives

Directions:

1. In a skillet over medium-high heat, lightly brown the onion in the butter.

2. Add the garlic, honey, lime juice and pepper flakes. Reduce until the mixture begins to caramelize.

3. Add the shrimp and sesame seeds. Season with salt and pepper.

4. Cook for about 3 minutes over high heat. Add the chives. Adjust the seasoning. Serve over rice. RICARDO LARRIVÉE /TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Leaving the tails on your shrimp adds style points but also gives your guests something to hold on to. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROSE REISMAN THE SAVVY EATER

THIS WEEK: Fruity applesauce pots

A seemingly wholesome snack could be packing too much of the sweet stuff.

PICK THIS

Mott's Fruitsations + Fibre Unsweetened Raspberry Applesauce

Per 1 container (111g):
Calories 50
Fat 0g
Sugar 11g

SKIP THIS

Mott's Fruitsations Strawberry Applesauce

Per 1 container (113g):
Calories 90
Fat 0g
Sugar 21g

HERE'S WHY

Equivalent to 5 Oreo cookies in sugar.

Applesauce is a classic snack to pack for a child's lunch, and with apple right in the name, we may assume it is just as healthy as a piece of fruit. However, the sweetened versions of applesauce, with added glucose and fructose, are no stellar snack – one container has as much sugar as five Oreo cookies! A simple swap to the unsweetened option gives you an easy on-the-go snack that's just as tasty. Make sure you look closely at the label for the unsweetened version.

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BROADWAY

Tony joy for Come From Away

Come From Away received seven Tony nominations in all, including the prestigious best musical award. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The married co-creators of Come From Away were celebrating their six-year-journey from Gander, N.L., to the bright lights of Broadway on Tuesday as their uplifting, made-in-Canada theatrical production scored seven Tony Awards nominations, including a nod for best musical.

Come From Away is only the second Canadian-written show in the 71-year history of the Tonys to vie for best musical, following 2006's The Drowsy Chaperone, which won five awards.

"It's everything that we could have wished for and more, it's so incredible. And we're so proud to be telling this Canadian story and sharing with the world everything that we love about Canada and Newfoundland," said Regina-born, Saskatoon-raised co-creator David Hein from New York.

Come From Away is set in Gander in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks. The remote East Coast town saw its population double in size as it sheltered 6,579 passengers and crew from planes diverted when U.S. air space was closed.

The feel-good musical will compete against Dear Evan Hansen, Groundhog Day: The Musical, and Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812 for the prestigious best musical Tony.

Hein and his wife, Toronto-native Irene Sankoff, received two of the show's nominations, with nods for best book and best score of a musical.

"I did a sort of fist pump in the air. I was just so proud," said Sankoff. "I felt like I was at a sporting event and we scored the first goal. I'm not a sports person, but it felt like we were really in the game."

Jenn Colella, who plays real-life retired airline Capt. Beverley Bass, earned a Tony nomination in the best actress in a featured role in a musical category. Other Come From Away nominations included Christopher Ashley for best musical director, Howell Binkley for best lighting design in a musical, and Kelly Devine for best choreography in a musical.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The real meaning behind mean Tweets

THE SHOW: #MoreThanMean (YouTube/Twitter/Facebook)
THE MOMENT: The swallowing

Julie DiCaro listens to hateful Tweets about herself. CONTRIBUTED

The camera cuts from Julie DiCaro, a sports broadcaster and columnist, to Sarah Spain, a sportswriter and radio/TV host. Each woman sits on a stool. On a stool opposite them, one by one, real guys read aloud — to their faces — real Tweets they've received. (The women are familiar with the Tweets. The men aren't.)

It starts simply enough: "Nagging wife," reads one. "Scrub muffin," reads another. Then the men get to this: "One of the players should beat you to death with their hockey stick like the whore you are."

The music drops out. As the men continue reading, the Tweets fill up with words like "b—" and "c—" and "hate-f—." The men begin apologizing. They swallow audibly. A producer in the background is heard urging, "Read them, they're just mean Tweets." By the time the men get to the final ones — "I hope you get raped again;" "I hope your boyfriend beats you" — they can't look the women in the eye.

This four-minute video recently won a 2017 Peabody Award for public service journalism. Its message is simple: Women in sports are harassed online just for doing their jobs. If you can't say something to someone's face, you shouldn't type it, either.

But its power lies in the clammy discomfort of the ordinary Joes reading the Tweets, as they struggle to absorb the volume of misogyny directed at women in sport — and indeed, women on line in general — as well as the casual entitlement with which it's delivered.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

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CR-V doesn't have to be sexy to sell

HANDOUT

REVIEW

What you see is what you get with the best in class crossover

Dan Ilika
AutoGuide.com

Like virtually every other version of the Honda CR-V since its introduction back in 1997, there's nothing sexy about the 2017 model. And like all its predecessors, that will do nothing to hinder sales. What you see is what you get with Honda's compact crossover, and what you see this time is a well-rounded package that has been improved on all fronts.

The big news here is the turbocharged 1.5-litre that's made its way under the CR-V's hood. The existing 2.4-litre engine is no longer available in Canadian-spec CR-Vs. Borrowed from the Civic, the 1.5-litre improves fuel economy only marginally. And the turbo engine doesn't feel quite as perky as it could, instead offering rather placid performance, the continuously-variable transmission it's been paired with should shoulder much of the blame.

While a little rigid and truck-like, the fourth-generation CR-V offers a tremendously smooth ride aided by its new suspension that features struts up front and a multi-link setup around back, and fluid-filled bushings at all four corners. Its cabin is also impressively quiet, a product, no doubt, of the active noise cancellation system that's standard.

The laundry list of standard and available features include a touchscreen infotainment system that features smartphone integration and the Honda Sensing safety suite, which includes adaptive cruise control, lane-keep assist and collision mitigation braking, among others. It's a package of safety tech that puts the CR-V on the same playing field as many of the premium offerings on the market.

Enlarged for 2017, the CR-V features even more room for cargo and rear seat passengers. Second-row legroom has jumped to an impressive 102.6 centimetres, while cargo volume has also grown, eclipsing the outgoing model's mark to hit 1,110 litres. That means more legroom in the backseat than the larger Honda Pilot — albeit the Pilot does accommodate a third row — while cargo volume isn't far from the Pilot with its third row folded away.

When it comes to pricing, the CR-V remains modest for what it offers. A base LX version is priced at a reasonable $26,690, though it only puts power to its front wheels, while a CR-V Touring with the full kit, including all-wheel drive, has a sticker price of $38,090. But perhaps most impressive about that top-trim pricing is that it undercuts the Kia Sportage, albeit only slightly, while including desirable features like adaptive cruise control.

Add it all up and the 2017 Honda CR-V brings all the necessary ingredients that are sure to keep it chugging along atop the segment for years to come.

THE CHECKLIST | 2017 HONDA CR-V

THE BASICS

Engine: 1.5-litre turbo four-cylinder
Output: 190 horsepower, 179 pound-feet of torque
Transmission: Continuously-variable automatic
Fuel Economy (l/100 km): 8.7 city, 7.2 hwy (turbo)
Price: Starts at $26,690

LOVE IT

- Smooth drive
- Roomy rear seats
- Generous cargo capacity

LEAVE IT

- Transmission clatter
- Rigid chassis

INNOVATION

Elon Musk's The Boring Company is anything but dull

Jason Siu
AutoGuide.com

Sooner or later we're going to have to take Tesla CEO Elon Musk's wild ideas seriously.

Musk is most known for running Tesla, an American automaker that has defied expectations to produce some of the most popular electric vehicles in the world. But Musk has several other ventures as well, with SpaceX being the most notable.

Musk seemingly defied all odds by not only landing a rocket at sea, but relaunching it and having it land successfully again. Some say that at the time Musk proposed the idea of reusing a rocket, it was very ambitious — but SpaceX has made it real.

So at some point, we have to stop doubting Musk, right? Well, now the eccentric CEO has spilled the details on his next venture called The Boring Company and we're back to being skeptical.

For a while, Musk has complained about traffic in Los Angeles. At first, it seemed like he was joking about the idea of digging a tunnel to make his commute easier. But then he posted pictures of a boring machine digging in the SpaceX parking lot and revealed his plans of creating a network with up to 30 levels of tunnels that could accommodate cars and trains.

Cars would enter at street level, be transported down to the tunnels via an elevator and slide around on platforms to their destinations. It looks like a giant slot car track, and the whole process would be automated and would require minimal driver intervention.

It sounds like science fiction, but The Boring Company has shared a video of the vision and what it hopes it can one day successfully execute. Essentially, it would be a network of tunnels underneath L.A. that cars could use to avoid surface-level traffic.

Like his other ideas, it may seem far-fetched, but if this becomes reality, it would change things forever. For those living in L.A., the idea of traveling up to 200 km/h underground without having to watch the road would be a dream come true.

Musk wants to build a network of tunnels under L.A. HANDOUT

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Free agent QB Colin Kaepernick handed out suits outside a New York City parole office in hopes of helping parolees find employment

'I felt sick to my stomach'

OPINION

Dan Robertson
For Metro

Once again, hockey fans sit on pins and needles while hoping for the best for Sidney Crosby.

Like many others, I am a big fan of the Pittsburgh Penguins captain, so when Matt Niskanen's head shot crumpled Canada's beloved No. 87 in Game 3 of the Penguins-Washington Capitals series, I felt sick to my stomach. There's no need to rehash Crosby's history of concussions; hockey fans are well aware.

After watching the replay multiple times, I am again left with a nagging question that I've had for years: why are players allowed to cross-check?

Matt Niskanen is not a dirty player. The play happened in a split second and I don't believe that he was head hunting. But his natural reaction when Crosby came toward him was to deliver a cross-check. That's because at all levels of hockey, defencemen are permitted to cross-check.

The next time you watch a game, watch the defencemen using their stick to cross-check opposing forwards in the back. Why is that allowed? I'm not blaming referees for not calling penalties in those situations in the NHL because it's been accepted forever, although it's not nearly as dangerous for a forward to stand in the crease as it once was.

If the NHL wants to cut down on stick work, they need to make officials enforce the rules. Any cross-check, regardless of the force behind it, needs to be called a penalty whether it's in the regular season or the playoffs.

That would encourage defencemen to 'push' opposing forwards without using the stick for leverage. Yes, it would fundamentally change the way defenceman play their position, especially around the net. It would take some time for them to adjust and would likely result in more power plays and in forwards getting more prime chances in close. Maybe that would result in more goals, which the NHL could desperately use but that's beside the point. Player safety needs to be first and foremost.

The bottom line is that this has to stop.

In Game 5 of the Montreal Canadiens-New York Rangers series, Brendan Smith cross-checked Habs forward Andrew Shaw in the jaw. He was not penalized; Shaw suffered the second concussion of the season and could not play in Game 6, Montreal's final game of the season.

Smith's cross-check appeared to be blatant and Shaw didn't go down. Maybe if he had, Smith would've been penalized.

Maybe Smith wasn't penalized or fined because Shaw isn't a star like Crosby. It doesn't matter.

Regardless of the circumstances, the NHL has to get serious about head shots and stick work. Whether or not Niskanen meant to hit Crosby in the head is irrelevant.

The damage has been done and it will keep happening until changes are made.

Dan Robertson has been the play-by-play voice of the Montreal Canadiens for the past three seasons. He grew up in Trenton, N.S.

Pittsburgh Penguins star Sidney Crosby takes a hit from the Washington Capitals' Matt Niskanen during the first period of Game 3 in their NHL Eastern Conference semifinal series in Pittsburgh on Monday night. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHAT NEXT?

- Crosby will miss Game 4 on Wednesday night. There is no timetable for his return.
- The league decided against holding a hearing to determine whether the hit should be subject to review.

2017 NHL PLAYOFFS
CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

Lundqvist in form as Rangers rout Sens

Henrik Lundqvist made 26 saves to lead the New York Rangers to a 4-1 win over the Ottawa Senators on Tuesday night in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Mats Zuccarello, Michael Grabner, Rick Nash and Oscar Lindberg scored for New York, which still trails the best-of-seven 2-1 with Game 4 set for Thursday night at Madison Square Garden.

Jean-Gabriel Pageau replied for Ottawa, while Craig Anderson stopped 26 shots.

For a team which collectively spoke Monday about its understanding that the Rangers would be desperate to salvage their season, the Senators appeared overwhelmed by the pressure New York opened the game with.

When the first period ended, Ottawa trailed 2-0, had been outshot 15-5 and out-attempted 26-12. The Senators were outshot 30-27 and out-attempted 56-54 by the end. THE CANADIAN PRESS

GAME 3 In New York

IN BRIEF

Ronaldo hat trick gives Real Madrid semifinal edge

Cristiano Ronaldo scored a hat trick to lead Real Madrid to a commanding 3-0 win over city rival Atletico Madrid in the first leg of their Champions League semifinal on Tuesday.

Ronaldo scored with a header in the 10th minute, with a top-corner strike in the 73rd and from close-range in the 86th to give the defending champs a big lead going into the second leg at Atletico's Vicente Calderon Stadium. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Olympic mixed doubles curling trials set for Jan.

Canada's first Olympic mixed doubles curling trials will be held in Portage la Prairie, Man., in January. The 18-team competition to determine Canada's representatives at the 2018 Winter Olympics will be held Jan. 3-7, Curling Canada said Tuesday.

Edmonton's Joanne Courtney and Reid Carruthers of Winnipeg earned a berth for Canada after finishing second at last week's world mixed doubles championships. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA PLAYOFFS

Casey to Raps: Cavaliers are human too

LeBron James gets past DeMarre Carroll to score a layup in Cleveland on Monday. TONY DEJAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dwane Casey wants his players to stop giving LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers so much respect.

A day after the Raptors were thrashed by Cleveland in the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinals, the coach's message to his team Tuesday was simple: the Cavs are human.

"They're a good team, we know that. But we're a good team, too, had the same record (51-31)," Casey said. "We have to go in with that confidence, that feeling of understanding say 'Hey look, they put their pants on one leg at a time, too. One shoe at a time.' I haven't seen 'em jump in and pull them up at the same time.

"So we've got to go in with that belief, that understanding. And I have a belief that we'll play better and get to that next gear the next game."

The Raptors battle the Cavs in Game 2 at Quicken Loans Arena on Wednesday before the series heads home to Toronto for Games 3 and 4.

James made like the cruel cat toying with a mouse en route to 35 points and 10 rebounds on Monday night. Whether it was his fake sideline beer-swigging, or his alley-oop dunk off the backboard, his hijinx conjured images of the Harlem Globetrotters.

Was DeMar DeRozan bothered by how the Cavs had fun at the Raptors' expense?

"That's them, man. Every team that LeBron has been on, they did some type of whatever," he said. "We can't get caught up in that or making that part of the game. We gotta understand that we can go out there and control what we control and that's for us to get a win." THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Light Lemon Linguini

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Lighten up a pasta dinner with this creamy yet bright citrus dish. Works as a main course or, with a smaller portion, as satisfying side.

Ready in 25 minutes
Prep Time: 5 minutes
Cook Time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4

Ingredients
- 1 500-gram package of linguini or spaghetti
- 3 lemons juiced (1 zested)
- 6 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- handful of basil, washed and sliced into strips
- salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Cook pasta according to package instructions.

2. Scoop out about a cup of the water before draining.

3. While pasta is cooking mix lemon juice, zest, oil, Parmesan in a bowl.

4. Place drained pasta back into pot. Pour the sauce over the pasta and toss well until the cheese melts and each strand of pasta is well coated.

5. You can add a bit of cooking water if you need to loosen up your sauce. Add in the basil and toss again. Serve with a sprinkle of Parmesan

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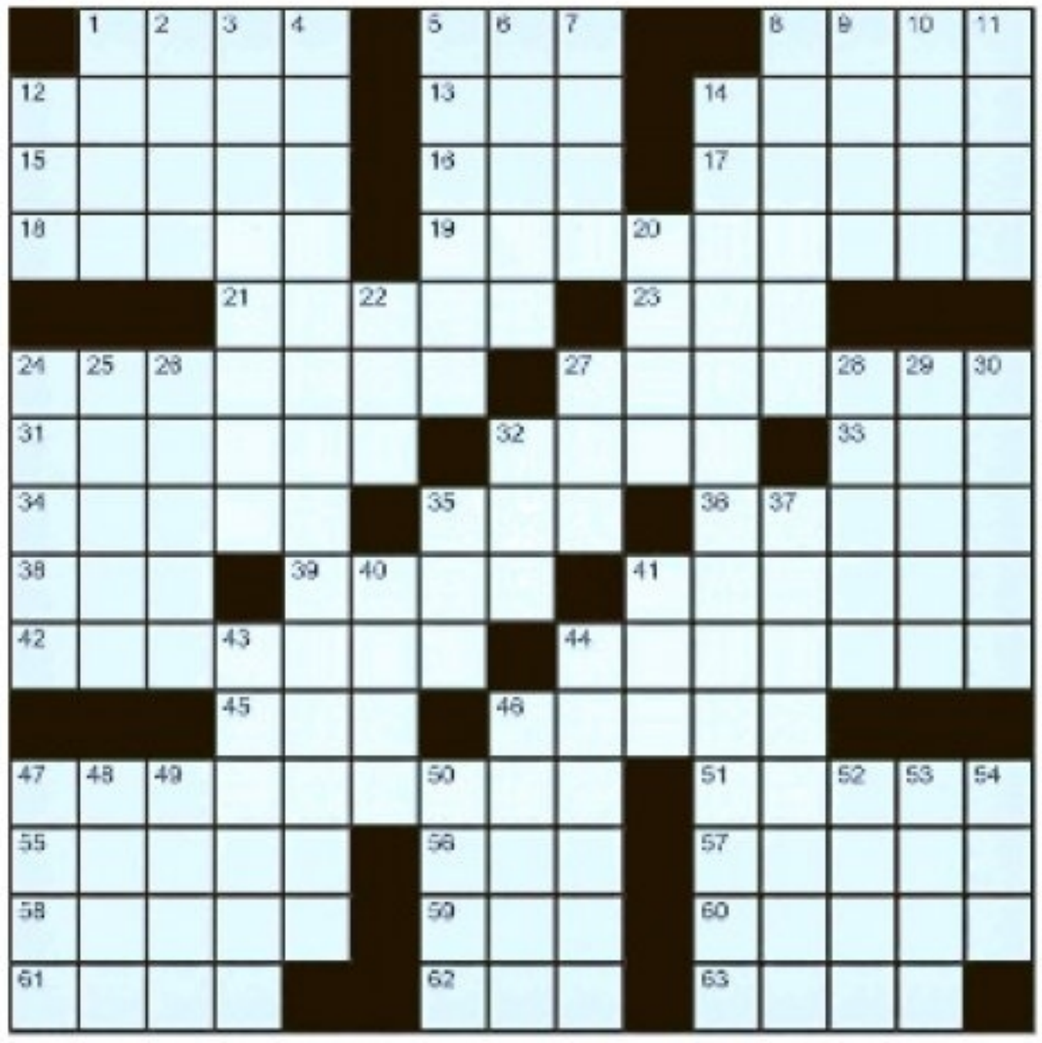
CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



ACROSS
1. Train-catching frequency, __ day
5. Getaway
8. Stubby pencils
12. Swiss currency
13. _-de-France
14. Waiting for _ (Samuel Beckett play)
15. "True Blood" star Stephen
16. Mr. Bellamy
17. Irish rebel Rory
18. "Thong Song" singer
19. As it doesn't orbit our Sun, #37-Down is known as a what?
21. Crate warning, '__ Hooks'
23. Ms. Lupino
24. Some sentences
27. Scale the ladder: 2 wds.
31. Chest 'beaters'
32. Opinion _
33. Time off, slang-style
34. Sch. subject
35. Mr. Hanks
36. Eye-related prefix
38. Lay backyard turf
39. Ms. Falco
41. 'A Heath.' is where it takes place in Macbeth: wd. + Roman Numeral
42. Sees to it
44. Like one's gut during stressful times: 2 wds.
45. 'Beat' suffix
46. Encourage/elevate
47. Has reached the destination as a parcel
51. The Congo's former name
55. De-pencil the paper
56. Will Smith title role
57. _ space
58. Not major
59. Hr. bit
60. Rock '_' _
61. Mr. Connery
62. Observe
63. One, in Hamburg

DOWN
1. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" counselor Deanna
2. Manners
3. Thirty-two ounces equivalent: 2 wds.
4. Where Levis is situated in relation to Quebec City: 3 wds.
5. Classic fabrics
6. "Hawaii Five-O" star, __'Loughlin
7. Beatles: "Love __"
8. Respectfully negative response to the lady: 2 wds.
9. Japanese cuisine noodle
10. Drill hole
11. Proofreading term
12. Radio stations, e.g.
14. The newly-discovered world at #37-Down is located within this 'habitable' area of the red dwarf star that it orbits: 2 wds.
20. Medicine tablet
22. poet mr. cummings, et al.
24. Stage
25. Wading bird
26. Airborne attacks
27. URL ending
28. Canadian actor Mr. Gerussi
29. Still not rented
30. Manitoba and New Brunswick, e.g.
32. Edgar Allan Who?
35. Olde-style word
37. As per #14-Down and #19-Across, it's approximately four light years away from Earth, Proxima __ b
40. Dog's playful move
41. _-Caps (Candy brand)
43. Celine Dion song
44. Wounds solution
46. Negate
47. GOP rivals
48. Great Lake
49. Ms. Turner
50. NFL team
52. "Turn __!" (Let's watch TV)
53. Fam. members
54. Schubert's The _-King

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are in a generous mood. This is why you will be giving toward others and yourself. You might buy something luxurious!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your feelings with others are gentle and cooperative today. This largely is because you are very tuned-in and sensitive to the needs of others.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Mysticism and esoteric teachings might appeal to you today. Your activities will involve things that are going on behind the scenes.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you can help a friend in need today, you will be glad to do so. It's possible that you also will be helped by a friend, because this can work both ways.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone in a position of authority might help you today. This is why you view this person as generous and compassionate.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Because your appreciation of beauty is heightened today, you will enjoy beautiful places and the arts and crafts of other cultures. Give yourself a chance to do this.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You feel sympathetic toward someone less fortunate today, which is why you will do whatever you can to help. This is a good thing. Never miss an opportunity to practice kindness.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is a good day to mend broken fences or to reach out to someone if things have been stressful. People feel warm and sympathetic toward each other.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will find that working with coworkers will be a positive experience today, because all parties will want to get along. For some reason, people want to go that extra step to help each other.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Artists and anyone involved in artistic projects will be productive today, because they are in touch with their creative energy.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
This is a good day for a warmhearted family discussion, because people feel sympathetic toward each other. Everyone will want to pitch in and help someone who needs it.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
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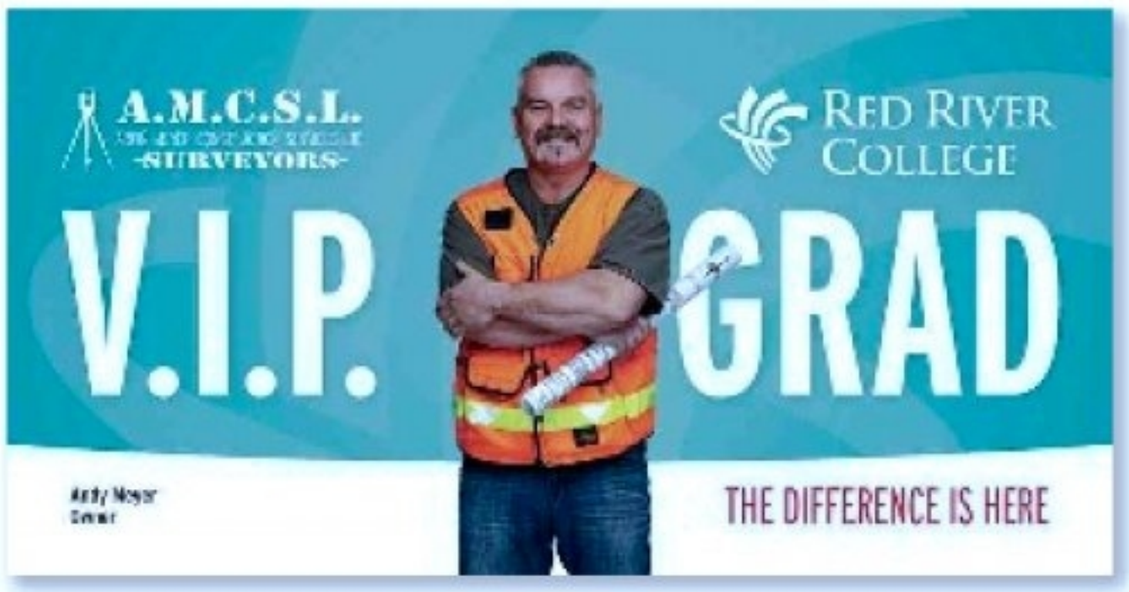

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